(i) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2 and Tetracycline appear in the list of restricted items and Refampicin appears in the list of limited permissible items in the Import & Export Policy (Volume I), 1988—91 and their import is allowed against supplementary licences. IRMAC licences are also issued, to facilititate import of these items in bulk off-the-shelf supply to small actual users.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Particulars of import licences are published in the Weekly Bulletin of Import Licences, Export Licences and Industrial Licences, copies of which are available in the Parliament library.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) A statement is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 94.]

(g) Such information is not being compiled.

(h) and (i) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Ganga Action Plan

1710 SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ganga Action Plan is unduly delayed due to warnglings over award of construction work of sewage treatment plants;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for these wranglings; and

(c) by when work on the Action Plan is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) No Sir. 35 Sewage Treatment Plants have been sanctioned under the Ganga Action Plan in the three States of U.P., Bihar and West Bengal. Of these, only the acceptance of tenders for the Sewage Treatment Plants for Allahabad and Kanpur have been delayed, as they are subjudice.

(c) 262 schemes at an estimated cost of Rs. 258.44 crores have been sanctioned under the Ganga Action Plan. 50 schemes have already been completed and work is in progress at various stages in the other schemes. A large majority of the schemes will be completed in the Seventh Five year Plan.

Holding of reserve funds by banks

1711. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the practice of holding reserve funds by the nationalised banks has been continuing;

(b) whether Government have issued any guidelines for using these reserve funds by the nationalised banks;

(c) whether for the purpose of audit of bank accounts these reserve funds are taken into account; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) In accordance with Section 17 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, every Banking Company Incorporated in India is required to create a reserve fund and shall, out of the balance of profit of each year, as disclosed in the Profit and Loss Account prepared under Section 29 and before any dividend is declared, transfer to the reserve fund a sum equivalent to not less than twenty percent of such profit. Where a Banking Company appropriates any sum or sums from the reserve fund or the share premium account, the fact

is required to be reported to the Reserve Bank of India explaining the circumstances relating to such appropriation.

(c) and (d) The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account prepared in accordance with Section 29 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, are required to be audited by a person qualified to be an auditor and in terms of Section 30(3) of the aforesaid Act, the auditor has *inter-alia* to stage in his report that the profit and loss account show a true balance of profit or loss for the period covered by such account.

National Awards to Persons in Medical Profession

1712. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of some professors of Medical Sciences of All India Institute of Medical Sciences or PGIMER, Chandigarh or other Indian Medical doctors and specialists of national or inter-national repute were constidered for grant of national awards for their services in various branches of Medicine or Surgery (such as Cardio Thoracic Surgery) this year on the eve of the Republic Day; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the cases considered and the awards conferred?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It would not be in keeping with the high traditions and dignity of the awards to disclose the details of the cases considered for the awards. As for the awards conferred on 26th January, 1989, a complete list of awardees was released to all major newspapers of the country, which could be referred to.

Smuggling of Gold along Kutch and Saurashtra Coast

1713. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sudden spurt in gold smuggling along Kutch and Saurashtra coast recently;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the quantity of smuggled gold confiscated along the above coast during 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) & (c) The quantity and value of gold seized throughout the country and that seized in the jurisdiction of the Customs (Preventive) Collectorate, Gujarat, during 1987, 1988 and 1989 (up to 28-2-1989) are given in the table below: